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TRIBUTE TO SCOTT McKEOWN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a devoted public servant who served some of the communities I represent for several decades. Scott McKeown lost his life in the recent Metrolink crash in Glendale, California. He spent 20 years with the City of Glendale and just recently celebrated his first year of service in the City of Pasadena's telecommunications department.

His exceptional attitude was an inspiration to all who knew him and his compassion and positive outlook were infectious. He had a passion for trains, especially locomotives, and instilled this love for the "iron horse" in his children. Scott McKeown is survived by his wife and two young children.

Working in the public sector is challenging and rewarding, and Scott embodied the spirit of public service through his longstanding service in our community. The tragic train crash last week was indeed a sad day for our community, and Mr. McKeown will be sorely missed.

HONORING MICHAEL MAYBERRY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Mayberry, Chief of Police in Henderson, Nevada. Chief Mayberry is retiring from the force after 30 years of dedicated service. He graduated from UNLV with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Chief Mayberry also graduated from the 180th session of the FBI National Academy and the 29th session of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Mayberry began his career with the Henderson Police Department in 1976 as a reserve officer. In 1978 he was hired as a full time patrol officer and has had numerous assignments since that time. He has been a field training officer, detective, investigations division commander and support division commander. Chief Mayberry was named acting police chief in August 1999 and appointed police chief on May 2, 2000.

Southern Nevada is a well known tourist destination which is visited by millions of people throughout the world. This creates a unique security environment which requires unique and capable police officers. Mike's proven leadership during these difficult times goes a long way to explain why he truly deserved the title Chief of Police.

Under Chief Mayberry's tenure, the Henderson Police Department has become the most technologically advanced police department in the United States. On March 23, 2002, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA, accredited the department for its professional excellence.

Mike, I wish you all the best. It was a privilege to work with you during those years where our services overlapped. However it is a greater privilege to call you my friend.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Michael Mayberry is a dedicated officer who has worked diligently for the Henderson community. I ask my fellow colleagues to stand with me today and honor all police officers across the country, like Chief Mayberry, who have dedicated so many years to building a better community, which in turn contributes to a better Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, of March 8, I was delayed and missed Rollcall votes 53, 54.

I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position on Rollcall votes 53 and 54.

It was my intention to vote: "yea on Rollcall 53; and "yea" on Rollcall 54.

At this time I would ask for unanimous consent that my positions be entered into the RECORD following those votes or in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

IN HONOR OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND POST OFFICE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the Cleveland Post Office, which embraces the legacy of Northeast Ohio's mail carriers. For two centuries, these fearless messengers have braved everything from freezing January snow to the blazing heat of July, to snarling dogs, in order to deliver the mail throughout our Greater Cleveland community and across our nation.

Joseph Briggs, a Cleveland postal employee, revolutionized the postal system when he convinced postal officials to adopt a policy of free home delivery. On July 1, 1863, as our nation was divided by the Civil War, 450 mail carriers began Free City Service Delivery in Cleveland, Ohio. Encouraged by the positive response, officials expanded this service to other areas.

As our nation's frontier rolled westward, so did the United States Postal Service. The Service grew alongside every new and growing city and town, delivering mail from faraway places to our mailboxes. They journeyed down dusty trails, winding rivers, city streets and country roads—wherever cities came to life, so did a new post office.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and present employee of the Cleveland Post Office and their outstanding legacy.

The mail carriers hold in their hands the important information we need—from lifechanging announcements to everyday correspondence. This centuries-old exchange of news, emotion and ideas, sealed in a Postal Service letter, not only communicated the events of our nation's history, but still serves to facilitate change and shape the direction of America.

TRIBUTE TO THE FORT COLLINS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 1781

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I am continually grateful to the men and women who are currently serving in the U.S. military, and I am also reminded of the great sacrifices that have been made by our veterans. Sacrifices that have secured and maintained our freedom.

Recently, a local group of veterans received a special honor. In Fort Collins, Colorado, VFW Post 1781 received the prestigious Diamond Jubilee Award. The post earned this distinction in celebration of their 75th Anniversary.

VFW Post 1781 has maintained their post continuously since January of 1930. In fact, a copy of the original charter still hangs on the post's entryway next to a large display case filled with war memorabilia.

The post currently has 388 members and about 150 women in the ladies auxiliary. Post 1781 has been extraordinarily active; the chapter has not seen a drop in membership for 20 years.

This group carries on the VFW tradition of community service, working with other national organizations. Constructive community service is a founding VFW tenet with volunteerism benefiting education, the environment, health, and civic projects. For example, the VFW's citizenship education program is designed to stimulate an interest in America's history and promote patriotism.

In addition, the post and canteen are offered at no cost for veterans' memorial services.

The post is a place where many members spend their time with fellow veterans relaxing when they are between other routines, such as giving flag etiquette presentations or standing on the corner of College Avenue and Mulberry Street holding Support Our Troops signs.

In addition, the post contains a section of their building that is loaned to the Disabled American Veterans hospital ride program.

Except for monthly meetings, which are open to those with home membership at Post 1781, the rest of the building is available to VFW members from anywhere in the nation.

I applaud these retired military service men and women, not only for their service to our country, but also for their service in the local community.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I offer my warmest congratulations to the Fort Collins